

Congressman Kirk remains an acknowledged leader of bipartisan efforts to enhance the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership. Congressman Kirk traveled to Israel in an official capacity many times before being elected to Congress and continues to actively lead on U.S.-Israel issues. Some key highlights from the 111th and 110th Congresses include:

- Led successful efforts to integrate Israel into the U.S. Ballistic Missile Defense System, including the Defense Support Program (real-time early warning data) and the delivery of an X-Band radar to Israel.

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- Authored a bipartisan letter to the President with 187 co-signers requiring written assurances that Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAMs) sold to Saudi Arabia could not be used to harm U.S. forces or Israel. The Kirk-Carney letter succeeded in changing U.S. policy.

- Co-authored a bipartisan letter to Secretary Clinton urging her not to reconsider the U.S. decision to boycott the Durban II conference. A day after the Kirk-Berkley letter became public, the Administration announced it would not participate in Durban II.

- Authored appropriations language mandating a first-ever comprehensive review by the Government Accountability Office of Cash Assistance and Emergency Cash Assistance programs run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. The language was prompted by UNRWA reports that terrorist and families of suicide bombers may received emergency assistance.

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